



EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

CR-105 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.353)
EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Title of rule and other identifying information: Fixed Ladders

The department is proposing to rewrite and clarify requirements relating to fixed ladders. The department is repealing the rule in chapters 296-24 WAC and 296-155 WAC and proposing to incorporate fixed ladders into the new portable ladder chapter (chapter 296-876 WAC). This rulemaking is part of our goal to rewrite all general occupational safety and health rules for clarity. Also, references will be updated throughout the rules.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO

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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to make this rule easy to read, understand and more usable for employers. This proposal will place fixed ladder requirements from chapter 296-24 WAC and chapter 296-155 WAC into chapter 296-876 WAC, Portable ladders. The title of chapter 296-876 WAC will change to include fixed ladders. Also, references will be updated. There are no anticipated effects.
See Attachment 1.

Reasons supporting proposal: See Attachment 1.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060

Statute being implemented: Chapter 49.17 RCW

Is rule necessary because of a:

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Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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Also, we are incorporating requirements from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) into this chapter, ANSI A14.3 2002 - Safety requirements for fixed ladders. By doing this, it makes the requirements for both general and construction the same. References will also be updated.

AMENDED PARTS:

Chapter 296-24 WAC, Part J-1.

- Delete the words “fixed ladders” from the title of this part.
- Add a note to where the requirements for fixed ladders are going to be located.

Chapter 296-155 WAC, Part J.

- Delete the words “and ladders” from the title of this part.

AMENDED SECTIONS:

WAC 296-24-23507 Footwalks and ladders.

- Update a reference.

WAC 296-78-71001 General.

- Update a reference.

WAC 296-78-71009 Stairways and ladders.

- Update a reference.

WAC 296-78-71017 Dry kilns.

- Update a reference.

WAC 296-155-475 Scope and application.

- Delete the word “ladders” from this section.
- Update a reference.

WAC 296-155-47501 Definitions applicable to this part.

- Deleted the following definitions:

Cleat, double cleat ladder, fixed ladder, individual rung/step ladders, landing, maximum intended load, side step ladder, single cleat ladder, through fixed ladder.

WAC 296-874-40026 Meet these requirements when using ladder jack scaffolds.

- Update a reference.

WAC 296-874-40038 Meet these requirements when using step, platform and trestle ladder scaffolds.

- Update a reference.

WAC 296-876-100 Scope.

- Modify this section to include fixed ladders.

WAC 296-876-500 Training—section contents.

- Rename this section to “Fixed ladder design and construction—section contents.”

WAC 296-876-600 Definitions.

- Rename this section to “Fixed ladder design and construction—section contents.
- Move definitions relating to portable and fixed ladders to WAC 296-876-900.

NEW SECTIONS:

WAC 296-876-50010 Design and construction—Fixed ladders installed on or after December 1, 2006.

- Move the design and construction requirements for fixed ladders installed on or after December 1, 2006 to this section.

WAC 296-876-60005 Design and construction—Fixed ladders installed before December 1, 2006.

- Move the design and construction requirements for fixed ladders installed before December 1, 2006 to this section.

WAC 296-876-60010 Design loads.

- Move the design load requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60015 Pitch.

- Move pitch requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60020 Welding.

- Move welding requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60025 Ladder surfaces.

- Move ladder surface requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60030 Rungs, cleats and steps.

- Move rung, cleat and step requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60035 Side rails.

- Move side rail requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60040 Clearances.

- Move clearance requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60045 Step-across distance.

- Move step-across distance requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60050 Extension and grab bars.

- Move extension and grab bar requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60055 Hatches.

- Move hatch requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60060 Platforms.

- Move platform requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60065 Protective structures and equipment.

- Move protective structures and equipment requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60070 Cages.

- Move cage requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60075 Wells.

- Move well requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-60080 Ladder safety devices.

- Move ladder safety device requirements for fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-700 Fixed ladder inspection and maintenance—section contents.

- Create this section contents/summary page relating to inspection and maintenance of fixed ladders.

WAC 296-876-70005 Protection against corrosion and deterioration.

- Move requirements relating to the corrosion and deterioration of fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-70010 Inspection and repair.

- Move requirements relating to inspection and repair of fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-800 Fixed ladder use—section contents.

- Create this section contents/summary page relating to fixed ladder use.

WAC 296-876-80005 Designed load.

- Move requirements relating to the designed load of fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-80010 Climbing and descending.

- Move requirements relating to climbing and descending on fixed ladders to this section.

WAC 296-876-900 Definitions.

- Move definitions that relate to portable and fixed ladders to this section.

REPEALED SECTIONS: Requirements relating to fixed ladders have been moved to chapter 296-876

WAC, Portable ladders and fixed ladders.

WAC 296-24-810 Fixed ladders.

WAC 296-24-81001 Definitions.

WAC 296-24-81003 Design requirements.

WAC 296-24-81005 Specific features.

WAC 296-24-81007 Clearance.

WAC 296-24-81009 Special requirements.

WAC 296-24-81011 Pitch.

WAC 296-24-81013 Maintenance and use.

WAC 296-155-480 Fixed ladders.

WAC 296-155-48060 Training requirements.

WAC 296-155-48080 Appendix A

WAC 296-155-48090 Reserved.

WAC 296-876-50005 Training.